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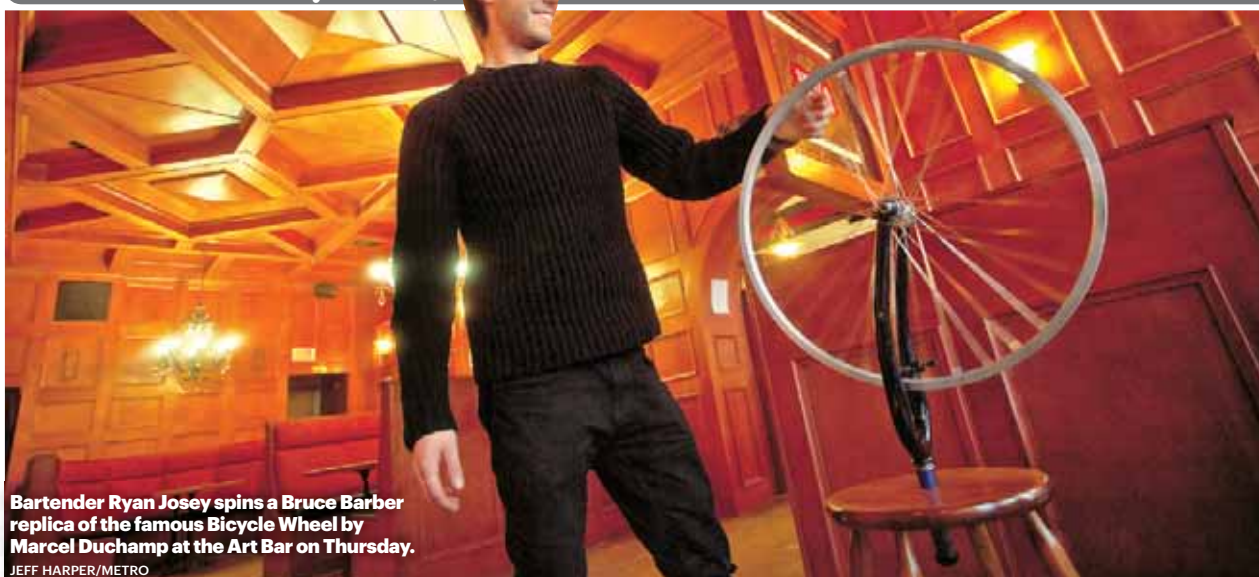


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Bartender Ryan Josey spins a Bruce Barber replica of the famous Bicycle Wheel by Marcel Duchamp at the Art Bar on Thursday.

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A 'shocking' statistic in our schools

EDUCATION REPORT

Number of black kids with individual plans highest



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

One Halifax mother says it's "shocking" to see an over-representation of black children in programs for those with specific education needs who are struggling in the classroom.

According to the province, individual program plans (IPPs) are developed for students when the "curriculum outcomes are not applicable and/or attainable."

Tina Roberts-Jeffers, a Halifax resident, presented concerns to the Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB) Wednesday about an October report showing 124 kids of African ancestry were on IPPs in a random sample of 292.

"The fact that there's still these disparities is a little shocking," Roberts-Jeffers said Thursday.

"It feels like something that should be addressed as proactively as possible."

The data was gathered in

March 2015, and of the remaining students in the sample 50 were of aboriginal ancestry while 118 identified as "other."

As of January 2015 there are 3,535 students with self-identified African heritage in the HRSB, the report said, and 7.7 per cent (273) have an IPP.

Roberts-Jeffers said she was especially concerned with numbers showing 69 IPPs were created supported by evidence, while 55 needed more information, and 65 IPPs had evidence they were the most appropriate option, while 59 also needed more info.

School board spokesman Doug Hadley said part of the

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We expect that the system is going to give them the level of education that they deserve.

Tina Roberts-Jeffers

discrepancy comes from IPP evidence not being included in the minutes of program planning meetings before electronic records came in five years ago.

However, Roberts-Jeffers said citing documentation issues

leaves room for the argument black students are disproportionately more likely to have learning issues, "and I don't accept that."

"I'm not saying that the number should be zero ... but I do think that the numbers should be similar across the population," she said.

Roberts-Jeffers, who is black, said it's not clear what a parent can do if they disagree that their child should be on an IPP, and suggested to the board a parent advocate could be a resource when going against principals, teachers and special education experts seems intimidating.

Hadley said the HRSB is reviewing all IPPs with parents to ensure they're appropriate, and the superintendent said Wednesday better monitoring of IPPs is coming, while professional development has happened with staff, teachers and administration.

Roberts-Jeffers said that's a "start," but more needs to be done with the IPP criteria to ensure kids aren't placed based on just a standardized test, which the report cited as an area needing attention, as well as IPPs for kids with high absenteeism and those remaining the same for years.

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BEDFORD HIGHWAY

Blasting will halt traffic

Blasting operations will make travelling the Bedford Highway a bit slower for the next three months.

The municipality is advising motorists to expect sporadic traffic delays on the Bedford Highway near Larry Uteck Boulevard from Feb. 1 until the end of April. This is to allow for blasting operations related to a private development in the area.

Traffic will be stopped several times a day in both directions at or near 660 Bedford Highway. There won't be any stoppages during peak traffic hours of 7 to 9 a.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m.

The move is a public safety measure as blasting operations will be close to the existing roadway. HRM is advising anyone who travels regularly through the area to consider alternative routes during this time.

As the development project progresses, HRM said further disruptions to traffic flow will occur in the area. Further information will be shared with the public as it becomes available. METRO

+ STOPPAGES

Traffic will be affected several times a day in both directions near the 600 Bedford Highway. Service will continue as normal during peak hours from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

Here comes the snow

WEATHER

Forecast calls for wet, windy winter storm on Friday



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

This weekend, remember to lift with your legs, not your back.

Environment Canada is forecasting 15-20 centimetres of

“heavy and wet” snow for the region starting Friday morning. “The weather itself will start tomorrow morning just as light flurries and showers, and things will start to get heavier in through the afternoon,” Environment Canada meteorologist Tracey Talbot said Thursday.

“We’re looking at some heavy snow and blustery winds starting up, but the worst conditions will be late afternoon into the evening hours.”

Talbot said the forecast early Thursday afternoon was show-

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Environment Canada says the region can expect up to **20 centimetres of snowfall beginning Friday morning.**

ing between 15 and 20 centimetres of snow for Halifax, and 25 centimetres or more in areas like Pictou and Guysborough Counties and Cape Breton.

“The snow will be heavy and wet, the temperature will probably be a degree or two above zero, and we are expecting winds to pick up as well,” Talbot said.

Talbot said that while those winds wouldn't be creating whiteout conditions, visibility would be low at the height of the storm.

Halifax Regional Municipality warned residents in a news release Thursday afternoon to keep an eye on the forecast and “adjust their travel accordingly.”

+ SOLUTIONS

The city said Thursday that they started applying brine solution to streets, and ramped up snow clearing this week to make way for Friday's storm. It said Halifax Transit, along with the municipality's recreation and solid waste services, would be reassessed throughout the day Friday.



CITY EVENTS REBRANDED CONVENTION CENTRE HOSTS RV SHOW A couple heads into the Halifax Exhibition Centre on Thursday. The Exhibition Centre is open under new management and hosts the RV Show this weekend. JEFF HARPER/METRO

DARTMOUTH

Strip club launches courtesy shuttle service for patrons



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

The region's only strip club is now offering its patrons a free courtesy shuttle.

Ralph's Place Show Bar owner Ralph Nasrallah said he first came up with the idea of offering a shuttle bus a few months ago. He wanted to provide customers with a free alternative to taking their vehicles or taxicabs to his Dart-

mouth establishment. There will be no entertainment or alcohol onboard.

“We just launched it last night and some people did use it and liked having it,” Nasrallah said on Thursday. “It just started so we haven't had a lot of feedback yet but I think people are happy about the idea.”

The service will operate Monday through Saturday from 5 p.m. to midnight.

The shuttle service will travel throughout Halifax and Dart-



I think people are happy about the idea.

Ralph Nasrallah

mouth on the “main drags,” picking up customers along the way.

Because the service only started Jan. 27, Nasrallah said they haven't yet completed

their bus route map.

In Halifax the planned route will include Barrington Street, Spring Garden Road, Robie and Gottingen streets. In Dartmouth it includes Portland Street to Cole Harbour.

Until the route maps are available, Nasrallah said patrons interested in taking the shuttle are encouraged to call the club ahead of time to confirm a pick-up location.

“Our first weekend is this weekend and we encourage people to use it,” he said.



The shuttle service for Ralph's went into operation Wednesday. FACEBOOK

ROBBERY

Previous offender gets new charges

One of two young men who pleaded guilty to child pornography charges in the high-profile Rehtaeh Parsons case is now facing a series of charges related to an alleged robbery.

The man, who is now 21, can't be named because he was a minor when he posed for an explicit photo showing him having sex with the 15-year-old, and then distributed the picture to some classmates.

Parsons was 17 when she was taken off life-support in April 2013 after attempting suicide.

The young man was later sentenced to a year's probation for distributing child pornography. This week he appeared in court to face unrelated theft and firearms charges after an alleged robbery.

A week after Parsons died,

+ PARSONS CASE

Rehtaeh Parsons' case attracted national attention when her family alleged she had been sexually assaulted by the boy in November 2011 and bullied after the photo was passed around her school.

police reopened their investigation after receiving what they said was new information.

In August 2013, child pornography charges were laid against two young men, both 18 at the time.

The second young man implicated in the case later pleaded guilty to making child pornography and was handed a conditional discharge in November 2014. THE CANADIAN PRESS

LOWER SACKVILLE

Two males attacked with tire iron, knife



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

Police are investigating a break and enter and assault that occurred in Lower Sackville on Wednesday night.

At about 8:30 p.m. Halifax RCMP were called to the Cobeguid Community Health Centre in response to a report of a victim suffering from stab wounds.

A preliminary investigation determined that two suspects entered an apartment on the 600 block of Sackville Drive where they allegedly assaulted the two male residents with a tire iron and a knife.

The two male occupants were able to leave the apartment for medical attention. Both sustained non-life threatening injuries.

Police don't believe this was a random incident and the investigation is ongoing.



Matt Webb and Ania Benko are opening a restaurant with diverse offerings in the Hydrostone this February. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Feelin' the Waffle Love

BUSINESS

Young couple serves up new eatery to fill the food gap



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Don't waffle on the new restaurant at the Hydrostone.

Waffle Love, opening on Kaye Street in Halifax in a few weeks, will be serving up waffles — surprise, surprise — but also “home-style” Polish perogies, wraps, sweets and a soup of the week, along with coffee and espresso.

“I really like food and waffles, and I wanted to bring ethnic food to Halifax,” said co-owner Ania Benko on Thursday.

Benko and her business partner (and boyfriend) Matt Webb originally met while on separate family vacations in Cuba. Eventually, Benko — originally from Winnipeg — and Webb, from Great Britain, ended up together in Halifax.

The couple was inspired to open up a waffle joint after a trip to Muizenberg, South Africa, where they saw a night market selling waffles and other food. Benko has Polish and Ukrainian roots, and also started making “authentic perogies.”

They sold waffles at markets around the city last year to help



We felt there was a shortage of waffles in Halifax. Ania Benko

pay Benko's tuition at Dalhousie and then considered opening a restaurant overseas in Webb's neck of the woods.

But when an opportunity opened up to do it in Halifax, the young couple jumped at the chance.

“We felt there was a shortage of waffles in Halifax, and wanted to fill the gap — both market and stomachs,” said Benko.

They took possession of their space on Kaye Street two months ago, and have been hard at work renovating the former café into their own space.

Benko's father flew in from Toronto to lend a much-needed hand with those renos, but they've done most of the work themselves.

The space will have murals painted by a local artist on the walls, and will seat about 20 people “depending how good of friends they are,” with a patio in the summer. They'll be more focused on take-out orders for the breakfast crowd, though.

They're putting the finishing touches on the space now, and expect to be open in the next two to three weeks.

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HALIFAX

NOTICE OF PURCHASE

Herring Cove, Halifax County

Take Notice that on January 5, 2016 the following Certificate of Purchase No. 108342628 was registered at the land registry:

Certificate of Purchase

This certifies that on October 29, 2015 the land located in Herring Cove, Halifax County and more particularly described in this Certificate vested absolutely in Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Nova Scotia, pursuant to Halifax Regional Municipality Acts of 2008, chapter 39, Part VI, section 149. Legal description, assessment account number, property identification number (PID), municipal tax account number, and land registration document number for each parcel are shown below.

The land described in this Certificate will cease to vest in Her Majesty if

- (i) on application made before April 29, 2017 a person proves to the satisfaction of the Minister of Natural Resources or a judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia on appeal from the Minister of Natural Resources that the person owns the land; and
- (ii) the person pays the taxes, interest and allowance for expenses paid by the Minister of Natural Resources.

PID 40076929

Assessment Account 04964616

Municipal Tax Account 04964616

Compiled Plan CP 569

Legal Description:

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, partially surrounding Powers Pond, Herring Cove, in the County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia, identified as Owner Unknown lands and outlined in bold line on Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources compiled plan cp569, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at crown post HX1951;

THENCE easterly along the northern boundary of Angela Dorey and Timothy Dorey lands (PID 40076713) to the ordinary high water mark of Powers Pond;

THENCE northerly, easterly and southerly along the ordinary high water mark of Powers Pond to the most western corner of Janet McCallum and Francis McCallum lands (PID 40076721);

THENCE easterly along a northern boundary of Janet McCallum and Francis McCallum lands (PID 40076721) to the most western corner of Janet McCallum and Francis McCallum lands (PID 40360752), said point being situate 10.06 metres perpendicular from the ordinary high water mark of Powers Pond;

THENCE northerly, westerly and southerly along a southern boundary of Crown Land (PID 40601023) parallel to and upland 10.06 metres distant from the ordinary high water mark of Powers Pond to a point upland 10.06 metres from the ordinary high water mark of The Neck and Gully;

THENCE northwesterly parallel to and upland 10.06 metres distant from the ordinary high water mark of The Neck and Gully to a southern corner of Crown Land (PID 40601023);

THENCE southwesterly along a southern boundary of Crown Land (PID 40601023) 20.12 metres across The Neck and Gully to a southern corner of Crown Land (PID 40601023) situate upland 10.06 metres from the ordinary high water mark of The Neck and Gully;

THENCE southeasterly parallel to and upland 10.06 metres distant from the ordinary high water mark of The Neck and Gully to a point situate upland and being perpendicular 10.06 metres from the ordinary high water mark of Powers Pond;

THENCE southerly parallel to and upland 10.06 metres distant from the ordinary high water mark of Powers Pond to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**.

AND ALSO:

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being at Powers Pond, Herring Cove, in the County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia, identified as Owner Unknown lands and outlined in bold line on Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources compiled plan cp569, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the northern boundary of Highway 253 at the eastern limits of a brook flowing out of Powers Pond;

THENCE northerly and easterly along the ordinary high water mark of Powers Pond to a point on the northern boundary of Highway 253;

THENCE southwesterly along the northern boundary of Highway 253 to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**.

CONTAINING an area of 1.1 hectares more or less.

Order in Council Number 1999-498 dated October 13, 1999 authorized the Minister of Natural Resources to acquire this land and execute this Certificate.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 17th day of December, 2015.

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Health Minister Leo Glavine says 12,000 seniors won't pay a premium beginning April 1 under the revised drug plan, while wealthier seniors will see their payments rise. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Pharmacare not adding up: Tories

HEALTH

Likely to cost seniors more next year, says opposition

Nova Scotia's opposition parties are accusing the Liberal government of designing a drug plan for seniors that will save the province money, but cost the seniors more.

Tory leader Jamie Baillie said the Liberals misled taxpayers about the intent behind the revamped program, which could end up saving millions of dollars to help balance the budget in the year before a provincial election.

"The government basically lied to the seniors of the province," said Baillie after he received a copy of the projections. "They told them they needed to pay more because it would make it sustainable and that's just not true."

Pharmacare is a blend of government contributions and

premiums charged to seniors, which under the new system will be based on the incomes of single people and couples.

Health Minister Leo Glavine says under the revised system, 12,000 seniors who previously paid a premium won't pay one beginning April 1, while wealthier seniors will see their payments rise.

But Baillie says the government hasn't clearly stated to seniors that overall the changes are likely to cost more, based on the recently released figures.

The government rolled out some projections on Thursday that indicated one scenario for

2016-17 where the assumption is the existing 120,000 beneficiaries stayed in the program and an additional 6,480 people join the program as they turn 65.

In that scenario, seniors contribute \$64.6 million, and government pays \$110 million, while the existing system would have seniors paying \$54.3 million of the cost and the province \$120.8 million.

Another scenario imagines seniors who pay higher premiums dropping out of the provincial program in favour of private-sector insurance — a projection which still saves the province \$7 million when compared to the existing system.

The final scenario projects a drop in enrolment of 15,000 people, and in that instance the cost to the province mirrored the old system's cost.

Acting NDP Leader Maureen MacDonald says the old system was functioning well, and exempted the payment of premiums by poor seniors who received the guaranteed income supplement.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

“One of the variables we don't know is what are the drug costs that are coming forward?”

Premier Stephen McNeil

DSME TRENTON

Province cuts steel firm's funds

The Nova Scotia government is making clear it won't be putting any more public money into a heavy steel manufacturing facility in northeastern Nova Scotia that has already received \$56.3 million of provincial money.

A news release from DSME Trenton said after a board meeting on Thursday that it is trying to secure orders in heavy steel fabrication in the wind,

oil and gas and rail sectors.

Business Minister Mark Furey said after cabinet that there is no more government money available to invest in the company, a point Premier Stephen McNeil repeated a few minutes later.

Scott Covey, project manager with the firm, said there are currently 31 employees at the company.

The previous NDP govern-

ment said in 2010 it had taken a 49 per cent equity stake in the firm, committed \$60 million to the manufacturing plant and predicted 500 jobs would be created within three years.

The investment was part of a \$90-million refit of the former TrentonWorks railcar plant after it was bought by Korean-owned Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering.

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NSCAD's Fountain Campus brings 'lively' arts hub together

CULTURE

Community building in Granville Mall



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A slate of new tenants is helping turn NSCAD University's Fountain Campus into a mini-art district, bringing something "lively" and unique to the city, says a gallery director.

The Khyber Centre for the Arts moved to the former Christmas By the Sea spot on Hollis Street this fall, while the new Art Bar + Projects opened in January in the former Brussels Restaurant on Granville Street.

Melanie Colosimo, director of the Anna Leonowens Gallery also on Granville, told Metro the art and music community lost a hub when the Khyber moved out of their original space.

"That's where a lot of ideas happen, so there's this long history of people getting together over a pint," Colosimo said.

The Art Bar doors open when there's an event or something interesting happening, Colosimo said, like Cabaret Voltaire — Atlantique (CV-A) programming three or more times a week around the



Granville Mall is quickly becoming a creative hub, with Khyber Centre for the Arts, the Atlantic Film Festival and Art Bar + Projects moving in. "It's a long time coming. We need a place that's lively again for the arts," said Colosimo. JEFF HARPER/METRO

avant-garde Dada movement that began in 1916 in Zurich.

But it wasn't enough to have simply a campus pub, Colosimo said, as there was a need for somewhere that could host more student performance art and "happen-

ings."

On Thursday nights there's also Oblique House "obscure" DJ music, while a drag karaoke night is planned for March, and visiting artists, meetings and research presentation nights are in the works.



It's open to everybody. There's always something interesting going on that's different than what you'd see if you went to happy hour somewhere else.

Melanie Colosimo says of Art Bar + Projects

The Khyber staff will be running the bar service in exchange for hosting their events in Art Bar as well, Colosimo said.

"It's open to everybody. There's always something interesting going on that's different than what you'd see if you went to happy hour somewhere else, where you might have a cover band," she said.

The Atlantic Film Festival (AFF) was in the process of moving into their new 1892 and 1870 Hollis Street locations on Thursday, and executive director Wayne Carter said they hope to officially be in by Feb. 1.

"We've always had a strong connection to the art ... and film community, so it just makes a whole lot of sense," Carter said.

The AFF is also hoping to partner more with NSCAD students in their new location, maybe screen outdoor films in Granville Mall, and have an official storefront with box office during the summertime and fall for the festival.

Carter said the Fountain Campus area it's "certainly a great spot" for an art district with tourists nearby on the waterfront and Art Gallery Nova Scotia, and said the best ideas often come from bumping into people in the hallway or street.

"It's a long time coming. We need a place that's lively again for the arts," Colosimo said.

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Karin Robertson says a Bedford scammer took a puppy from her last fall. TC MEDIA

Dog breeder says she was defrauded

WOLFVILLE

Woman fighting cancer claims she was taken advantage of

A Nova Scotia woman battling stage three ovarian cancer says she's been defrauded by a Bedford man.

The man arrived the night before Karin Robertson's cancer surgery was scheduled in last September and purchased two Great Pyrenees puppies.

"He seemed personable. He said he was used to big dogs," the Wolfville-area farmer and dog breeder said this week.

She knew it was risky taking a cheque for \$1,500, but she was preoccupied with her health.

The cheque, she says, subsequently bounced.

Three days later, while Robertson was still in the hospital, the

man returned one of the fluffy white pups and left Naturally Nerida Farm and Kennel with \$700 in cash. Her daughter, who lives in Toronto, was looking after the farm when the man returned the pup. Robertson's daughter was unaware that the original cheque had bounced and refunded his money.

Robertson said she had discussed her cancer with the man and says he was aware that she was facing surgery.

"That's what makes this more deplorable," said Robertson. "He knew I was pretty vulnerable."

Robertson called the man when she got home from the hospital and says he made a number of promises, which failed to materialize. Her first call to police was the end of September.

At this point, the Nova Scotia Agricultural College graduate, who has been running her farm for over 10 years, is taking a break from chemotherapy.

Her thoughts are focused on the puppy that the man kept.

Several of her dogs, as well as sheep and donkeys, have been fostered out in the community while she is recovering.

A summons has been issued for a Bedford man in his 40s in relation to the alleged fraud. The man also faces multiple other fraud-related offences in Hants County and Halifax that date back to 2013.

On Jan. 28, Kings District RCMP Const. Kelli Gaudet said that the summons is being forwarded to Halifax police.

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I worry about that dog. Is he treating it well? Hopefully, I get my puppy back.

Karin Robertson

IN BRIEF

Two arrested in December assault on bus driver

Halifax Regional Police say that public assistance helped lead to the arrest of two suspects who allegedly assaulted a bus driver last month.

Police received an assault report from Route 66 at Dartmouth's Penhorn Mall terminal at 11 a.m. on Dec. 31. A driver was assaulted after asking a male suspect to exit the bus for "abruptly" pushing past a female passenger. The driver and male suspect got into a verbal argument and the man

spit in the driver's face before exiting the bus. The driver also exited the bus and was physically assaulted by the man. A female suspect then kicked the driver in the legs. Both suspects left the terminal on foot.

A 25-year-old Dartmouth man was arrested in Dartmouth on Wednesday while a 25-year-old Dartmouth woman was arrested on Thursday. Both suspects will appear in Dartmouth Provincial Court at a later date to face one count each of assault. METRO

Dartmouth man who was missing for weeks found safe

Halifax police say a man reported missing Jan. 5 was found safe and sound on Wednesday. Jonathan Andrew Cunningham, 42, was reported missing Jan. 5, but had last been seen at some point just before Christmas.

In a news release issued earlier this month, police said Cunningham "sees his family on a regular basis," so not being in contact for so long is out of character for him.

He was located Wednesday in Dartmouth. METRO

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Legal pot could reap \$5B a year

TAXES

Economist's estimate based on curtailing illegal sales

Call it Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's secret stash.

A new report from CIBC World Markets says Canada's federal and provincial governments could reap as much as \$5 billion annually in tax revenues from the sale of legal marijuana.

CIBC economist Avery Shenfeld crunched the numbers using current estimates of Canadian recreational pot consumption, the revenue experience in U.S. states that have legalized, and other factors — such as prevailing “sin tax” rates on alcohol and tobacco.

“The bottom line is that federal (and) provincial governments

might reap as much as \$5 billion from legalization, but only if all the underground sales are effectively curtailed,” writes Shenfeld.

“That’s on the order of 0.25 per cent of GDP, no barnburner.”

The Liberal government has promised to legalize, tax and regulate marijuana and has made MP Bill Blair, the former Toronto police chief, the lead on investigating a new regulatory model.

Trudeau maintains that legalized pot will not be a cash cow, and that all revenues will be used to address mental health and addictions issues.

The experience of Colorado and Washington states, where pot sales were legalized and taxed, suggests no dramatic increase in marijuana usage but a potential for pot tourism.

“The desirability of increased marijuana tourism inflows will be questioned, no doubt, but they would generate additional fiscal revenues for government on their other tourist spending,” Shenfeld writes.

The report uses Colorado sales figures to estimate a Canadian pot market worth about \$10 billion annually, then looks at net

“It was never about a money-maker, it was always about public health. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

“It was never about a money-maker, it was always about public health, public safety,” the prime minister said in December during a year-end interview.

profit margins from Ontario's government booze monopoly and other associated income and payroll taxes to come up with the revenue total. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tory selfie

1 The nation's former PM, who's dropped off the political map following his electoral defeat, was spotted in the Calgary airport Wednesday. He took a minute to snap a selfie with a passerby who recognized him. Patrick Simms posted the photo to Facebook, saying he knocked (Harper's) phone out of his hand when going to shake it.”

2 Harper is no stranger to selfies. While not as savvy as the current PM, he's still made the rounds on social media. In this shot from Jan. 30, Harper is pictured with Canada's women's water polo team.



PATRICK SIMMS VIA FACEBOOK



KATRINA MONTON VIA TWITTER

WESTJET

Famed cellist ‘outraged’ by airline rules



Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A renowned American cellist says he is “outraged” after hearing that WestJet refused to allow a musician's cello in the cabin during a flight from Vancouver, even though he bought an extra seat

for it. Four years ago, Paul Katz says he got the same treatment.

“I get angry,” he told Metro. “I just think WestJet is so indefensible, and their attitude is so cavalier. They’re just so out of step with the whole airline industry.”

Earlier this month, Juilliard School cellist Nathan Chan attempted to bring his cello onto a

flight from Vancouver to Toronto but was refused. The 22-year-old bought his ticket through American Airlines, which allows passengers to buy an extra seat for a cello. When he arrived, however, the flight that was operated by Calgary-based WestJet forced him to leave the instrument behind with family and forfeit his \$250 US ticket for the extra seat.



Cellist Paul Katz CONTRIBUTED

IN BRIEF

Spy agency broke law

Canada's electronic spy agency broke privacy laws by sharing information about Canadians with foreign partners, says a federal watchdog. The Communications Security Establishment passed along metadata to counterparts, said Jean-Pierre Plouffe. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man reportedly indicted on espionage in China

China's official news agency says a Canadian who was detained more than a year ago has been indicted on accusations of spying for Canada and stealing Chinese state secrets. Kevin Garratt is a former Vancouver man who conducted Christian aid work with his wife. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Seven dead in Yemen suicide bombing

TERRORISM

Islamic State group claims responsibility for carnage

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) affiliate in Yemen has claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing Thursday that killed seven

people and targeted the presidential palace in Aden, where the internationally recognized president and his cabinet are based.

In an online statement posted on Twitter by the group's supporters, ISIL identified the attacker as Abu Hanifa al-Hollandi, an Arabic nom de guerre that suggests he was Dutch. The last name in militants' pseudonyms usually indicates their nationality or

place of origin. His real name was not immediately known.

It was not possible to verify the claim. The group posted pictures that appeared to show the car bomb speeding toward cement barricades manned by presidential guards.

Earlier Thursday, three Al-Jazeera journalists who were kidnapped in the war-ravaged Yemeni city of Taiz were released, the news network said

in a statement. Journalists have been frequently targeted during Yemen's conflict, which pits southern Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, against government forces backed by a Saudi-led military campaign.

The Houthis seized control of the Yemeni capital, Sanaa, in September 2014 and in November that year the president fled to Aden.

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A crater made by a car bomb attack in Yemen on Thursday. WAEL QUBADY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORTHEAST U.S.

Snowstorm one for the record books

Last weekend's crippling blizzard was the fourth most powerful snowstorm to hit the Northeast in at least 66 years, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Thursday.

The agency gave the storm a rating of 7.66 on the Northeast Snowfall Impact Scale, which ranks storms according to inches of snowfall, geographic reach and population affected. That bumps down to No. 5 the Presidents Day weekend storm of 2003, which had a score of 7.50.

The blizzard last Friday through Sunday affected 102.8 million people and covered about 434,000 square miles in 26 states, NOAA spokeswoman Maureen O'Leary said.

Almost 24 million people saw more than 20 inches of snow and 1.5 million got more than 30 inches, according to National Weather Service meteorologist Paul Kocin, who helped develop the scale. He called the storm a slightly smaller version of a January 1996 blizzard, No. 2 on the list, which covered a similar area.

The scale doesn't take into account other misery metrics, such as storm-related deaths, flight cancellations and power outages.

At least 52 people in 11 states and the District of Columbia died in storm-related incidents including car accidents, carbon monoxide poisoning and heart attacks while shovelling snow.

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Residents of the Capitol Hill neighborhood in Washington, D.C., work to clean snow off after last weekend's snow dump.

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IN BRIEF

Armed Oregon standoff down to four holdouts

The armed takeover of an Oregon wildlife refuge dwindled Thursday to just four holdouts demanding assurances they will not be arrested by the FBI if they surrender.

The FBI had no immediate comment on the negotiations or the holdouts' demands, saying only that it was trying to "empty the refuge of the armed occupiers in the safest way possible."

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Terror strikes Nigeria again

Multiple suicide bombings have killed 15 civilians and a soldier in the Nigerian town of Chibok, where Boko Haram extremists kidnapped scores of schoolgirls almost two years ago, local leaders said Thursday.

Ten people were evacuated for better medical care but the town's small hospital still is overwhelmed, Dr. Idrissa Danladi told The Associated Press by telephone.

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WEB CULTURE

Mumbai police a viral hit

Mumbai police are on a roll.

In the month since they debuted on Twitter, the police and its chief of police have been firing up a storm of pun-filled, witty warnings on abiding traffic rules, on women's safety and even on how to be safe online.

And on Wednesday, the police service's new anti-drug campaign went viral in a string of word play.

"If you roll, we will weed you out," read one tweet that was retweeted thousands of times. Then came: "Be a hero without 'heroin.'"

A couple of hours later there was a cheeky question: "Hi! Have you 'meth' us?" with the hashtag #HoshMeinAao, which means "wake up." One tweet had a picture of white powder on the ground with the letters LSD and the message: "Let's Stop Drugs."

Giddy Twitter users in India gave a thumbs-up to the police service — a rarity in that country.

"Mumbai police account is giving Twitter standup comedians a good run for their money," said one user. Another tweeted: "Ok, Mumbai Police just killed it. The rest of you, go home."

#MumbaiPolice trended on Twitter in India all Wednesday. In a TV interview, police chief Ahmed Javed said the tweets were proof that all cops are "not square and flat-footed."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



A witty tweet from Mumbai police. TWITTER.COM



A Health Secretary employee fumigates against mosquito *Aedes Aegypti* outside houses of Cali, Colombia, on Thursday. The Zika virus is "spreading explosively" in the Americas and the region may see up to four million cases of the disease strongly suspected of causing birth defects, the World Health Organization announced Thursday. LUIS ROBAYO/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Zika virus spreading at 'alarming' rate: WHO

OUTBREAK

Health experts may declare international emergency

Declaring that the Zika virus is "spreading explosively," the World Health Organization announced it will hold an emergency meeting of independent experts Monday to decide if the outbreak should be declared an international health emergency.

At a special meeting Thursday in Geneva, WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan said the

virus — which has been linked to birth defects and neurological problems — was becoming much more of a threat. One WHO scientist said the Americas could see up to 4 million cases of Zika in the next year.

Chan said although there was no definitive proof that the Zika virus was responsible for a spike in the number of babies being born with abnormally small heads in Brazil, "the level of alarm is extremely high." She also noted a possible relationship between Zika infections and Guillain-Barre syndrome, which can cause temporary paralysis.

"The possible links, only re-

cently suspected, have rapidly changed the risk profile of Zika from a mild threat to one of alarming proportions. The increased incidence of microcephaly is particularly alarming, as it places a heart-breaking burden on families and communities," Chan said.

The Zika virus was first detected in 1947 and for decades only caused mild disease, but Chan noted that "the situation today is dramatically different." According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the Zika virus is now in more than 20 countries, mostly in Central and South America.

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+ BLOOD BAN

Canada adopts new donor restrictions in wake of virus

Canadian Blood Services will soon refuse blood donations from those who have travelled to countries where the Zika virus spread.

Chief medical and scientific officer Dr. Dana Devine says the blood collection agency will decide in the next few days which travel destinations would be linked to a temporary ban.

Brazil to wage war on insects

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff has invited all nations in Latin America and the Caribbean to discuss ways to join forces to cope with the rapid spread of the Zika virus and declared war on the mosquito that carries it.

Rousseff said she was proposing to open up to the other nations at a gathering of health ministers of the regional Mercosur trade bloc.

On Twitter, Rousseff said "We must declare war on the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito" that carries the virus — a war that will focus on eliminating the insect's breeding grounds until a vaccine is developed.

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INVESTIGATION

Probe faults U.S. government for migrant child abuse

Migrant children in the government's care were placed in U.S. homes and left vulnerable to human trafficking due to sometimes non-existent screening by the Department of Health and Human Services, according to a congressional report released Thursday.

The investigation says the department failed to run background checks on the adults in the sponsors' households, failed to visit sponsors' homes and failed to realize some sponsors were accumulating multiple unrelated children, which can be a sign of human trafficking.

Lawmakers contend the government weakened its child protection policies as it was overwhelmed by tens of thousands of children crossing the border from Central America. A Senate subcommittee held a hearing Thursday to release the report and examine weaknesses in the department's placement of migrant children.

At the hearing, HHS officials declined to fully answer many of the senators' questions, at times saying they did not have the legal authority from Congress to follow up on the children.

The investigation by the

+ EUROPE REFUGEE CRISIS

Sweden may expel up to 80,000 asylum seekers

During an unprecedented wave of migration, Sweden on Thursday put into words an uncomfortable reality for Europe: If the continent isn't going to welcome more

than 1 million people a year, it will have to deport large numbers of them. Interior Minister Anders Ygeman said Sweden could send back 60,000-80,000 asylum seekers in the coming years.

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panel echoes the findings of an Associated Press investigation that found more than two dozen unaccompanied children were sent to homes across the

country where they were sexually assaulted, starved or forced to work for little or no pay.

Sen. Rob Portman, the Republican chairman of the panel,

says the HHS placement program for migrant children suffers from "serious, systemic defects."

The congressional investigation and hearing are in response to a case in Portman's home state of Ohio, where six Guatemalan unaccompanied minors were placed with human traffickers, including sponsors and their associates.

Lured to the U.S. with the promise of an education, the teens instead were forced to work up to 12 hours a day on egg farms under threats of death. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DISNEYLAND

Armed suspects detained

A man who tried to bring two handguns into a hotel at Disneyland Paris was detained Thursday along with his female partner, authorities said. No one was hurt in the incident, and the park remained open after the arrests.

The man, 28, was detained at the New York Hotel, part of the Disneyland complex. The man's motives for trying to enter the hotel with arms were unclear.

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Barbie's got new body types

TOYS

Mattel debuts designs after doll sales fall by 14 per cent

Mattel, the maker of Barbie, said it will begin selling the iconic plastic doll with three new bodies — curvy, tall, and petite. The doll will also be available in seven skin tones, 22 eye colours and 24 hairstyles.

The El Segundo, Calif., toy company will also continue to sell the original Barbie. The new options come after years of criticism that Barbie had created unrealistic expectations for girls.

The new cover of Time magazine, which first reported the changes, touches on the topic with the headline, "Now can we stop talking about my body?"

The doll has changed in some ways already. New skin tones and looks were added last year. And Barbie's foot was movable for the first time, allowing her to kick her heels off and wear flats.

Mattel has been searching for ways to recharge sales of



Some of the new Barbies introduced this month. The dolls now come in three new body types: tall, curvy and petite, and in seven skin tones, 22 eye colours. COURTESY MATTEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Barbie, which fell 14 per cent in the most recent quarter as 'want lists' from girls increasingly include iPads and other things.

The new body types were in the works for the past two years, said Mattel spokeswoman Michelle Chidoni.

Whether kids will pick up the new dolls remains to be seen, though Chidoni said previous changes were "positively received."

Mattel would not provide sales figures, but some marketing experts say more will have to be done to return Barbie to her former glory.

"The look of the dolls is great," said Marc Rosenberg, a marketing consultant in Chicago that has worked in the toy industry for 25 years. But in order to connect with kids, the new dolls need to be added to Barbie YouTube videos, apps and shows, said Rosenberg.

Dolls with the new body are available for preorder at shop.mattel.com, and will ship in February. They will start to show up on U.S. store shelves in March and roll in the rest of the world after that, Mattel Inc. said.

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MCDONALD'S

Breakfast menu growing

Basking in the fanfare over its all-day breakfast menu, McDonald's is pushing its operational limits by testing the addition of another morning favourite to the lineup: the McGriddle.

The world's biggest burger chain plans to start offering an expanded all-day breakfast menu that adds McGriddle and biscuit sandwiches in 72 restaurants in Tulsa, Oklahoma starting Feb. 1. The test comes after customers complained about the absence of the McGriddle when McDonald's launched a limited all-day breakfast menu in October.

McDonald's is riding high from its biggest quarterly U.S. sales jump in nearly four years, boosted by all-day breakfast menu and unseasonably warm weather.

Despite McDonald's recent sales jump, it's still not clear exactly how all-day breakfast is benefiting the chain and whether the effects will last. The company did not say how much of the increase was from an uptick in customer visits, versus factors like price hikes or people adding extras onto their orders.

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Start teaching kids early about money: Experts

Talking about money might not be considered the polite thing to do, but experts say when it comes to talking about money with children, the earlier the better.

Gary Rabbior, president and chief executive of the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education, suggests children as young as three or four can start learning some of the basics about money.

One of the earliest and most important lessons children can

learn is that every decision you make with money involves a trade-off.

"Part of the parenting dilemma which starts at a very young age is, how do you tell a kid they can't have everything they want?" Rabbior says.

"When you buy something

or make a decision about one thing, you're giving up the opportunity for something else and we really advocate that as one of the most early learning experiences because that concept of trade-offs helps kids understand they can't have everything they want."

Natasha Nystrom of the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada says once children start counting, it may be time to begin introducing some of the concepts about money, including the different coins and bills and what it means to spend them.

Learning to distinguish the difference between needs and wants is a key lesson for children and even parents who may be struggling to stick to a household budget.

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"If you're making your grocery list, you can involve them in that," says Nystrom, a spokeswoman for the agency.

"If you're looking at flyers to save money on some of the items on your grocery list, you can involve them so that they can help you cut out some of the coupons that might help you save some money."

Nystrom says an allowance can help kids learn how to save for a toy they want.

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“Part of the parenting dilemma ... is how do you tell a kid they can't have everything they want?”

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Anger alone can't fix what ails La Loche. But it would help.

Not worth the money.

That's how Cindy Blackstock described the Canadian government's attitude toward indigenous children.

As the director of the First Nations Child and Family Care Society, she's been at the centre of a nine-year battle that culminated Tuesday with the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal's ruling that the federal government discriminates against indigenous children.

The tribunal found reserves receive 22 per cent to 34 per cent less child welfare funding than everyone else. It slammed the government over the high proportion of indigenous children in foster care (nearly half of those under 14 years old, according to the 2013 National Household Survey).

The ruling addresses a fraction of the scandal that is indigenous people's living conditions. There's a lack of clean water and quality housing; indigenous youth suicide rates are at least five times higher than the national average.

All these issues have surfaced in the media in the wake of the La Loche shooting, prompting concerns over negative, one-sided depictions of remote communities. La Loche's former mayor and current MP Georgina Jolibois said the town's social ills are not to blame for the shooting. "Unfortunately it had to happen here, but it is a Canadian

experience," she said.

That may be true, but it's never a bad time to put a spotlight on systemic suffering, especially when it's of such a magnitude that Blackstock can credibly dub it "our Mississippi ... the same racial discrimination that we saw in the United States against African-Americans." In fact, she added, it's worse.

And I'd agree, in one way: While the U.S. has and continues to obsess over its racism, we are not getting nearly angry enough.

Take Flint, Michigan. Americans have been consumed by the story of the majority-black city's lead-poisoned water. No doubt some Hollywood director already smells Oscar bait. Meanwhile, our own unsafe-drinking-water scandal threatens to become an overlooked independent documentary.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is right to travel to La Loche today, because outrage over the deadliest school shooting in our history and its causes could easily fade to a whimper. As he does, Blackstock will be pushing for an estimated \$200,000 yearly investment in on-the-ground change for indigenous kids.

It's an old story, this racism, as old as this country. So is America's, where the outrage burns far hotter.

Anger can't solve problems on its own. But nothing will change without it.

METRO CALL TO ACTION

Rainbow-coloured #PrideTape

Somewhere over the rainbow, there will be progress in hockey. What if an inspiring show of inclusiveness by one NHL team became a national movement towards greater acceptance of LGBTQ people participating in team sports? Let's make it happen.

Sticking it to prejudice

Last week, the Edmonton Oilers rainbow-taped their hockey sticks for their annual skills competition, to show support for LGBTQ youth. The idea came from another Edmontonian — Kris Wells — who's created Pride Tape in an effort to make Canada's beloved sport a safer space for all who love the game.

Wells, a professor at the University of Alberta, notes there are still no out players in the NHL, and that for inclusiveness to sweep through hockey, the message has to come from the top.

"Change is going to take captains, coaches and community members stepping forward," Wells said. "Pride Tape says, without having to say the words, that 'I'm an ally.'"

A movement is made

Pride Tape is an initiative of the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services at the University of Alberta, which has a Kickstarter campaign underway to

make 10,000 rolls of the rainbow-coloured tape. The Oilers Community Foundation made an \$8,000 donation to the campaign and players also had it on their sticks Sunday.

Hometown pride

Scott MacIntosh, who works in media relations for the Halifax Mooseheads, said Thursday the team is aware of Pride Tape and "fully support the idea." The team says they are considering getting involved.

We think all of Canada's pro and amateur hockey teams should get on board with Pride Tape. If you agree, share this story online and post on social media: #PrideTape



Oilers defenceman Andrew Ference and his team showed their support for Pride Tape on Sunday. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

What reconciliation looks like in real life



Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls on the federal government to close gaps in education, employment and health outcomes between indigenous and non-indigenous Canadians.

I've been thinking about how those gaps can be identified and closed. How to improve, concretely, the lives of indigenous people, with those communities' full participation, and with respect for their heritage, knowledge and right to self-government.

To get an idea of how this can be done, in a way that is guided by scientific evidence, look at Oklahoma.

That U.S. state is home to the Cherokee Nation, which suffers a disproportionately high rate of cancers related to tobacco use. The University

of Oklahoma began working with the Cherokee to address this issue, and the National Institute of Health helped out to the tune of \$1.5 million.

Cherokee people themselves will be monitoring cancer cases and their outcomes from the nation's in-house health-research office.

The general ideas are to find interventions to reduce cancer and help the office develop research capacity, but nothing is being decided by the university and dictated to the tribe, said Paul Spicer, an anthropologist and the lead researcher on the project. A joint committee — half Cherokee, half from the university — is setting the research agenda.

This is extremely exciting. It's ground-up, but still science-based. I can imagine a similar approach being used to address many issues, from early childhood education to the management of fish stocks.

It doesn't seem that hard.

Why aren't we doing it in every indigenous community in Canada? I asked my friend Rebecca Benson, who is Haudenosaunee and a young professional with a deep understanding of the social problems in indigenous communities.

She was positive about research-based problem-solving, but she had a word of caution. We don't have a single indigenous community with anywhere near the population and clout of the Cherokee Nation's 300,000 people. Many, though not all, Canadian reserves are in a chronic state of crisis, she said. An ambitious collaborative science project isn't realistic when hunger is rampant and there's just been a cluster of youth suicides.

It seems to me that there aren't the human resources available, in many cases, to have a collaboration, Oklahoma-style, where the local indigenous people and scientists

are on truly equal footing.

And when the majority of the researchers are not part of the community, the thorny issue of consent becomes all that much more important.

That's what Benson emphasized most: the need for indigenous groups to give their consent for research in their communities and on their lands. Not cursory, one-time consent, but continuous consent, with the option to withdraw if they decide the research isn't benefiting them.

There is participatory research going on in indigenous communities in Canada, but as reconciliation efforts begin in earnest and we try to close those gaps, there needs to be more. Because if we base policies on evidence, they have a shot of working.

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The Kung Fu Panda series of films are well-loved by audiences around the world. Inset: Kung Fu Panda directors Jennifer Yuh Nelson and Alessandro Carloni. CONTRIBUTED

Riding the wave of Po-pularity

IN FOCUS

Directors love their star of Kung Fu Panda

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



It's all about Po, don't you know.

When I ask Kung Fu Panda 2 and 3 director Jennifer Yuh Nelson how she feels about being one of the highest grossing female directors of all time, she demurs and gives all the credit to her star.

"I think it is a testament to

how much people like Po and like these films. There is such a huge fan base it is really flattering to have been helming something that huge."

Alessandro Carloni, her directing partner on Kung Fu Panda 3, adds, "I think it will be fair to assume this will be the highest grossing movie ever to be directed by a Korean woman and an Italian man."

For the uninitiated, Po is the clumsy giant panda that became an improbable hero, dumpling-eating champion and kung fu master in the first two movies. Voiced by Jack Black, in the new film he is reunited with his biological father Li Shan (Bryan Cranston) who takes his son



MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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back to the Panda Village so the youngster can learn about himself, become a Chi master and do battle with Kai, a supernatural bull villain played by Oscar winner J.K. Simmons.

Both directors have great affection for Po and understand why audiences have fallen in love with the character.

"We love how enthusiastic he

is, how geeky he is, how much passion he has," says Alessandro. "One thing I have heard someone say is often there are movies where the side cast steals the show because they are the most fun while the central character is the straight guy. But we made a movie around a goofball and everybody else are the straight characters. He is the one who

steals the show. When Po is on screen you will love him."

"He has got so much enthusiasm and is basically wishing for something that is bigger than him," says Yuh. "Something he is not able to achieve and yet he perseveres. That's why we root for him because we've been there. Everyone has been there where there is something you wish you could do but don't have the means to do it and yet you keep on going. You have to root for that."

The pair have been with Po for a long time. Yuh was head of story and the action sequence supervisor on Kung Fu Panda before taking over the reins for the second film. Carloni worked

on the first film as animation supervisor and story artist on part two.

Their almost 10-year journey with Po has been shared with Jack Black, who was the model for the character.

"He's very unique in that he's so funny but underneath the funny he's got so much heart," says Yuh of Black.

"He's not somebody you laugh at, you laugh with him. You root for him and that is very rare. Usually you have these more jaded guys that are funny and you laugh at them when they fall on their face. But you feel bad for this guy when he falls on his face. I think that just leaks out of his performance."



Wayans co-wrote and stars in **Fifty Shades of Black**. HANDOUT

INTERVIEW

Wayans' world: King of spoofs returns to big screen

Matt Prigge
Metro | New York



Marlon Wayans jokes about the reason he's always working. "My little one — this little spoiled brat — I take him to Nashville. I ask him where he wants to eat. He says, 'Let's go to Mastro's,'" he tells us, referring to the high-end eatery.

"If he ever complains, 'Dad, why were you always on the road?' 'Because I had to f—ing pay for Mastro's, you little

b—d!"

Right now, the actor and performer, 43, has *Fifty Shades of Black*, a send-up of *Fifty Shades of Grey*. Wayans co-wrote and plays the mysterious Christian Grey analog in the comedy.

I have to confess I don't hate the movie *Fifty Shades of Grey*.

I don't hate it. I love-hate it. I think you have to love-hate the movie in order to make fun of it. You have to love and respect what's good about it, and you have

to hate what's bad about it. You have to find out what's funny about it, and then deliver it. So I didn't hate it. It looked great. I thought some of the flirting was cute. I didn't like the sex scenes. They were pretty boring.

They're very PG-13.

They're PG. It's like a G. I could see Kung Fu Panda doing some of the stuff in that movie. I can see Fiona and Shrek doing something like that. (Laughs) "Come to the red room. I'll get the big

whip. I'll use my tail!" *Fifty Shades of Green*.

How many times did you have to watch the film?
150 times.

I imagine that's like Stockholm Syndrome: eventually you come to love it all.

It becomes your favorite movie. You watch it over and over and over again, until you throw up in your mouth, slightly. When someone mentions the movie you go (gags).

Do you think you're even simply making fun of it?

It's not making fun of it. It's a comedic re-telling. Honestly if you've never seen *Fifty Shades of Grey* you would still enjoy this movie, because of the characters and the situations. You make these movies like they're original, and you have to make the journey enjoyable whether people have seen them or not. You're doing a comedy. At the end of the day we approached it like a comedy. Not a spoof; a comedy.

Holliday Grainger's finest accent yet

THE FINEST HOURS

Manchester actor adopts Massachusetts brogue in film

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Those only familiar with Holliday Grainger from her high profile appearance as the 1930s gangster Bonnie Parker in the much-hyped A&E miniseries *Bonnie & Clyde* could be forgiven for thinking she was born and raised on American soil. A perfect Texas drawl disguised her natural English accent.

"I'm from Manchester," she said in our recent sit down, "northwest England."

"Home of the Stone Roses," I replied, mentioning the Mancunian hit makers of *Love Spreads*.

"I'm a bit too young for that but it's a small town so the Stone Roses are never too far away," she replied with a wicked laugh.

This weekend the 27-year-old brings a new accent to the maritime drama *The Finest Hours*. She plays Massachusetts native Miriam, a bride-to-be anxiously awaiting the return of her Coast

Guard fiancé (Chris Pine) from a life or death mission during a brutal New England nor'easter.

"I think I'm quite good at adopting accents," she says. "Once I started the Bonnie and Clyde Texas accent it was very easy. Within a day I was speaking in the accent all the time and I found it quite comfortable."

She was so secure with the twang she'd often keep the accent going even when not on

camera. The *Finest Hours* presented more of a challenge.

"I found this much harder. I actually stayed in my own accent on set for the first week or two because I didn't feel comfortable enough in the accent to stay in it."

To master the 1950s coastal Massachusetts brogue she worked with a dialect coach and tried, unsuccessfully, to get some real life input.

"I went to Chatham (Massachusetts) and spent an afternoon trying to record people but Chatham is now so affluent and touristy. I was going into bars and restaurants and talking to people. 'Where are you from? Oh, you're from New York. You've just moved here. Which

pubs have young girls working in them who are from around here?' I'd go and record some of them and they'd sound like they were from bloody Manhattan. Like bloody Valley Girls or something. It was not like the 1950s accent I needed to hear."

Her character's real life daughter Patty ended up helping out, introducing Grainger to a contemporary of Miriam's who "had the right way of talking. The

resonance."

The actress nailed the New England burr and then refined it during production.

"In the middle of shooting the producers would say, 'It's too strong, bring it back.' In my mind (I was thinking) has she been at work where she speaks quite well or is she angry? It's fluid. People change their accents all the time."

Ironically, after all that work it's likely Miriam didn't have the usual regional accent.

"In actual fact Miriam's first language wasn't even English," says Grainger. "She was brought up speaking Finnish so she didn't actually have the traditional accent but for the purposes of our movie we're not going to play around with that. It's too complicated."

As for Grainger, who will next be seen starring opposite Alicia Vikander and Judi Dench in *Tulip Fever*, don't expect to hear her Mancunian lilt every time she opens her mouth.

"I change my accent all the time depending on whom I'm talking too," she says. "If anyone had to characterize me they'd be bloody lost."

SPEAKING OF WHICH

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Holliday Grainger, right, plays Miriam in Disney's *The Finest Hours*, a heroic action-thriller based on the extraordinary true story of the most daring rescue in the history of the Coast Guard. HANDOUT

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Diversity move splits Academy

Since the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said it was altering membership rules in response to an outcry over the diversity of its voters and nominees, another uproar has erupted around Hollywood. Many academy members are protesting that the new measures unjustly scapegoat older academy members and imply they're racist.

Fiercely letters have poured into the academy. Trade magazines are littered with critical op-eds. Meanwhile, civil rights leaders and others say the academy's actions didn't go far enough.

Reforms meant to calm a crisis seem to have only further enflamed it. This year's Feb. 28 Academy Awards are looking less like a glitzy gala and more like a battlefield.

"Nobody in the academy should dignify any accusations of racism," says Rod Lurie, the writer-director of *Straw Dogs* and *The Contender* and a member of the academy's directors' branch, "but there obviously are biases that are created by the demographics of the academy."

The academy held an emergency meeting of its Board of Governors last week. In the wake of a second straight year of all-white acting nominees — and

PRESENTING

Jacob Tremblay, boy from Room, to charm crowd

Vancouver's Jacob Tremblay will present at next month's Academy Awards. The nine-year-old actor has been a Hollywood fixture lately with raves for his gripping performance in *Room* and his charming speech at the Critics' Choice Awards.

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calls for a boycott of the Oscars broadcast — the 51-member board voted to revamp membership rules in an effort to change the makeup of the largely white, male and older association of some 7,000 members.

Though Oscar voting was previously for life, it will now be restricted to members who have been active in the industry within the past 10 years, with a few exceptions like for previous Oscar nominees. The academy also set a goal to double minority and female members by 2020.

Some members, while applauding efforts to diversify the academy, said taking away voting rights from older members

smacks of ageism, and that they aren't to blame for the dearth of minority nominees in the past two years; the industry is.

Studies have proven that minorities remain under-represented in all levels of the movie business, from protagonists on screen to executives who can green-light a film. But the last two years are something of an aberration in recent Oscar history. In the 10 years prior, 24 of the 200 acting nominees were black. (Far lower is the rate of nods for Hispanics or Asian-Americans, however.)

William Goldstein, a composer and longtime academy member, chastised the academy in a Los Angeles Times editorial for "capitulating to political correctness" while missing the bigger picture. He believes outreach will make a difference, not manipulating demographics. "The set of voters that they're going to get rid of have seen more movies and have more context in which to judge something than any newbie coming into the academy," Goldstein said. "You can bring in more women, you can bring in more anybody. Everybody's a human being. They're going to vote what they're going to vote. Nothing's going to change."

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San Antonio's culinary Pearl



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Gastronomical delights abound in San Antonio, like fresh croissants from Bakery Lorraine; toasted cauliflower with romesco from Supper; and fried snapper throats from Southerleigh.

HEADING SOUTH

Eat your way through this district jewel

Kate Hobson
For Metro Canada

Pearl District is a gem in the otherwise sprawling city of San Antonio, Texas, providing a cosy pocket where history, luxury and inviting fare come together. The once industrial area home to the Pearl Brewery has been restored and re-developed into a thriving culinary hub now home to many

chef-driven restaurants and the Culinary Institute of America. Situated along the northern reach of the San Antonio River, the transformed Pearl District entices both locals and visitors to the area.

Hotel Emma
A warm wood burning outdoor fireplace and friendly staff draw you in and welcome you on arrival at this beautifully restored space that is now Hotel Emma. The design centres around the philosophy of repurposing industrial space into an atmosphere that makes you feel at home while also paying tribute to the history of the location: The Pearl Brewery. This

boutique hotel offers some intriguing amenities including a library, rooftop pool, a culinary concierge and an in-room "ice-box" filled with farmers market treats and local libations.

Supper
Inspired by the idea of "supper," the unfussy menu is perfect for a gathering of friends for a light, informal evening meal. Vegetables and meat alike are smoked on the hickory grill for added depth of flavour. The salt and vinegar Brussels sprouts are caramelized and tender. The grilled beef 'Santa Maria' with fresh tomato parsley and garlic chimichurri is bright and flavourful. The

perfect finish is the ricotta seada with a hint of fennel, pickled blackberries and sprinkled with refreshing bits of celery.

Southerleigh
Southerleigh's menu is rich with fresh seafood. The fried snapper throats are a visually impressive dish stacked high on their colourful tray and these incredibly meaty and tender fish throats don't disappoint taste-wise. Their take on devilled eggs, topped with a hunk of bacon and onion marmalade, is sweet, savoury and

addictive. Fourteen rotating small-batch craft beers are offered on tap — something to quench everybody's tastes.

Bakery Lorraine
Bright, airy and bustling with people, Bakery Lorraine is a popular brunch and breakfast spot. Sit and enjoy one of their breakfast sandwiches like the croque madame layered with ham, gruyere and a poached egg on grilled sourdough or take some delicious pastries and coffee to go. If you want to experience some nostalgia, try their housemade strawberry

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Dali and Disney: a surreal friendship



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New exhibit shows collab between artist and animator

Visitors to a new exhibition at The Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, Fla., won't just be looking at art. Thanks to virtual reality, they'll be exploring a Dali painting in a dreamy, three-dimensional world that turns art appreciation into an unforgettable, immersive experience.

The new exhibition, Disney and Dali: Architects of the Imagination, tells the story of the relationship between Salvador Dali, the surrealist artist, and Walt Disney, the great American animator and theme-park pioneer. But the museum exhibition's highlight comes after visitors have seen the Disney-Dali show's paintings, story sketches, correspondence, photos and other artifacts. As visitors leave the exhibition area, they'll be invited to don a headset to try the virtual reality experience.

Called Dreams of Dali, the VR experience takes viewers inside Dali's 1935 painting Archeological Reminiscence of Millet's Angelus. The painting depicts two towering stone figures along with tiny human figures in a bare landscape with a moody



Salvador Dali and Walt Disney in Spain in 1957. A new exhibition at The Dali Museum is dedicated to the relationship between the two men. DALI MUSEUM/WALT DISNEY FAMILY FOUNDATION/DISNEY

sky. Users can move around inside the painting, using Oculus Rift headsets to navigate a trippy three-dimensional environment that includes motifs from other Dali works like elephants, birds, ants and his Lobster Telephone sculpture. Accompanied by a haunting piano soundtrack punctuated by bird cries, the VR visuals also include a crescent moon, a stone tunnel and even an image of rocker Alice Cooper, whom Dali featured in a hologram he created in 1973.

Disney and Dali met in the 1940s in Hollywood, according to museum director Hank Hine. "Their sensibilities were very connected," Hine said. "They wanted to take art off the palette, out of the canvas and into the world."

The exhibition looks at the castle motif that became a symbol of Disney parks, along with Dali's Dream of Venus pavilion from the 1939 World's Fair, which some consider a precursor of contemporary installation art.

Disney and Dali also collaborated on a short animated movie, Destino, that was eventually completed by Disney Studios. The six-minute movie, which can be found on YouTube, features a dancing girl with long dark hair, a sundial motif and a song with the line, "You came along out of a dream. ... You are my destino." Clips will be played within the gallery for the Disney-Dali exhibition and the full short will be shown at the museum's theatre.

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Canes slow to gain speed

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Sluggish first half costly in loss to Mill Rats



Kristen Lipscombe
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The Halifax Hurricanes may have picked up some strength in the second half Thursday night, but they still couldn't topple the visiting Saint John Mill Rats.

The Canes fell 115-104 to the Rats, their Atlantic Division rivals and the only team they have lost to so far this season, in front of 1,870 fans at the Scotiabank Centre.

Halifax has a 1-4 record against Saint John.

Forward Kyle Hunt was key in Halifax's comeback attempt, putting up a team-leading 18 points despite being sick and sitting out the first half.

"I tried to give the guys what I got, and play hard," he said. "I'm happy I was able to contribute."

The Hurricanes didn't "come out with enough focus on the defensive end," Hunt said, adding, "we picked it up in the second half, but a little too late."

The Canes were down 54-43 at halftime, creating a gap the guys just couldn't close, despite efforts from Hunt, who also pulled down six rebounds, and his teammates.

Veteran point guard Cliff Clinkscales, the only player to return to the Halifax roster following the downfall of former NBL Canada Rainmen, also scored 18 points Thursday, in



Halifax Hurricanes forward Kyle Hunt charges through Jean-Richard Volcy, left, and Johnny Mayhane of the Saint John Mill Rats on Thursday night at the Scotiabank Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

addition to 10 assists and four rebounds.

"Right now, we're coming and playing second-half basketball," Clinkscales said following the loss, while taking a break signing autographs for fans.

The Hurricanes (9-4) are currently atop the Atlantic Division, ahead of the second-place Mill Rats (8-5), but Clinkscales said the new Halifax team has gotten "comfortable" with digging itself out of a hole but

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still stepping off the court with a win.

"It's all about how we start," he said, adding a "sluggish" first half just won't cut it for the Hurricanes against tougher teams such as the Mill Rats.

"They've always been a high-power, offensive team. They have a lot of shoes; they spread the floor."

Mill Rats forward Johnny Mayhane put up 26 points.

"Him playing well like that, it could make them dangerous," Clinkscales said.

Saint John forward Gabe Freeman added 22 points, while forward Anthony Stover scored 19 and snagged nine rebounds.

Overall though, Clinkscales

said the reincarnation of Halifax's professional basketball squad is coming together, on and off the court.

"We have a good group of guys," he said.

"We're a work in progress. It's still early, about 30 games left in the regular season; we're going to get better."

The Hurricanes are back on home court Feb. 5 to take on the Charlottetown-based Island Storm.

QMJHL

Busy weekend ahead of Moose

The Herd will certainly be busy boys this weekend.

The Halifax Mooseheads play three games in as many days, visiting the Acadie-Bathurst Titan on Friday night, the Moncton Wildcats on Saturday afternoon, and then returning home to host provincial rivals the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles on Sunday afternoon.

The puck drops on their first home game since Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. inside the Scotiabank Centre.

Halifax is currently at the bottom of the barrel of the standings, at 17th place in the 18-team league.

Their 15-27-5-1 record also puts them in sixth and last place in the Maritimes Division.

In more positive Mooseheads headlines, rookie Herd member Otto Somppi was set to lace up for Team Orr in Thursday night's CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game, which took place in Vancouver.

The 18-year-old forward from Helsinki suited up alongside three fellow Q-league members on Team Orr, including 18-year-old defenceman Luke Green of Hammonds Plains, who plays for the Saint John Sea Dogs.

Somppi has nine goals and 24 assists for 33 points in 41 games. He was recently ranked 47th among North American skaters in NHL Central Scouting's mid-term rankings.

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO



Otto Somppi is ranked 47th among North American skaters in NHL Central Scouting mid-term rankings. JEFF HARPER/METRO

IN BRIEF

Raptors set team record with 10th straight win

The Toronto Raptors have made history, winning a franchise-record 10 games in a row.

Toronto's all-stars Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan scored 26 points apiece to lift the Raptors to a 103-93 victory over the New York Knicks on Thursday.

The previous record of nine straight wins stood for 14 years.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

VARSITY SHOWDOWN

'Inspiring athletes' on display in showcase

Some of Nova Scotia's top university basketball and hockey teams will soak up the Scotiabank Centre spotlight this weekend.

The first-ever Varsity Showdown goes down Friday and Saturday, bringing the Dalhousie Tigers, Saint Mary's Huskies, Acadia Axemen and Axewomen, as well as the St. Francis Xavier X-Men and X-Women, together for two days of Atlantic University Sport ac-

tion on Halifax's biggest sports stage.

Friday features two men's hockey games, including a face-off between the X-Men and Tigers at 4 p.m., followed by puck drop at 8 p.m. on a matchup between the Axemen and Huskies.

Saturday highlights Nova Scotia's varsity basketball talent, with two men's and women's double-headers.

The X-Women tip off against

+ TICKETS

Tickets for Varsity Showdown are available through Ticket Atlantic, with individual tickets, full event packages and a special deal for alumni all available.

the Huskies at 1 p.m., the X-Men take on the Huskies at 3 p.m., the Axewomen are up against

the Tigers at 6 p.m. and the Axemen play the Tigers at 8 p.m.

"Varsity Showdown 2016 will provide a terrific platform to showcase the amazing product and inspiring athletes participating in AUS hockey and basketball," Derek Martin, president of Sports & Entertainment Atlantic, which is helping to put on the inaugural event, said in a news release when it was first announced.

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NHL IN BRIEF

Determined Scott to play among best despite league trying to talk him out of it

John Scott has taken a shot at the NHL. Fans voted the 6-foot-8, 260-pound enforcer into the All-Star Game, which is on Sunday.

Scott writes in a story posted Thursday by The Players Tribune that he got a call from the NHL, trying to talk him out of participating in the showcase event.

According to Scott, someone with the NHL asked him: "Do you think this is something your kids would be proud of?"

Scott writes that the moment strengthened his decision to play in a 3-on-3 format with some of the best hockey players in the world. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wideman suspended indefinitely for checking linesman, hearing due

Calgary Flames defence-man Dennis Wideman has been suspended indefinitely pending a hearing for checking and knocking down linesman Don Henderson on Wednesday night. Wideman will have a hearing Tuesday with the NHL's department of hockey operations.

During the second period of the Flames' game against Nashville, Wideman got up after being hit and struck Henderson on the way to the bench. Wideman said he was in pain and was just trying to get off the ice, adding that he couldn't avoid Henderson. Wideman apologized to Henderson after the incident. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

All-Star loses some sparkle

NHL

Big names Ovi and Toews pull out of weekend due to injury

A one-game, slap-on-the-wrist suspension isn't enough to stop NHL teams from keeping their banged-up players out of All-Star weekend.

The league said Thursday that Chicago captain Jonathan Toews won't participate in All-Star festivities in Nashville after he left a game this week with an illness. That came one day after the Capitals' Alex Ovechkin pulled out of All-Star weekend with a lower-body injury that the team said had been bothering him since November.

Ovechkin and Toews by rule are suspended for the first game after the All-Star break, the same punishment the Pittsburgh Penguins accepted last year with Sidney Crosby. The NHL's rule was first used in 2009 against Detroit Red Wings stars Nicklas Lidstrom and Pavel Datsyuk, and now it has been levied against five of the league's top players.

More teams are opting to play it safe. "We had to make a conscious decision on that," Washington coach Barry Trotz said. "That's

the rules. You've seen other teams make that decision. I was out West, and Detroit's made that decision a few times. The ultimate goal for us is to go deeper than we did last year, so sometimes you have to make those decisions. We made it. And we'll just deal with it."

Ovechkin and Toews have each appeared at a handful of All-Star Games, and the price of missing a Feb. 2 game is insignificant compared with potential long-term ramifications. Blackhawks physician Michael Terry said Toews left Chicago's game Tuesday with an illness and was symptomatic again Thursday, so he believes "rest over the break



Evgeny Kuznetsov, left, will replace Alex Ovechkin and James Neal replaces Jonathan Toews. GETTY IMAGES

is most important for him to properly recover and be fully healthy heading into the rest of the regular season."

The Capitals are atop the NHL standings as the best team in the Eastern Conference, and the defending Stanley Cup-champion Blackhawks are the best in the West at the break.

Washington will still have three All-Stars, as fellow Russian Evgeny Kuznetsov will replace Ovechkin and join centre Nicklas Backstrom and goaltender

+ ALL-STAR REBOOTED

THE FORMAT

This year's competition will be Sunday's three-game, three-on-three tournament with teams from each of the NHL's four divisions. Each squad will have six forwards, three defencemen and two goalies.

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THE SKILLS

The skills competition will be traditional Eastern vs. Western Conference Saturday night showcase.

Braden Holtby in Nashville. The host Predators now have four representatives, since Toews' replacement is winger James Neal. He joins Nashville defencemen Shea Weber and Roman Josi and goalie Pekka Rinne.

New York Islanders centre John Tavares replaces Ovechkin as captain of the Metropolitan Division for the league's new 3-on-3 tournament format. Playing 3-on-3 for 20-minute periods is something Trotz expressed concern over earlier in the

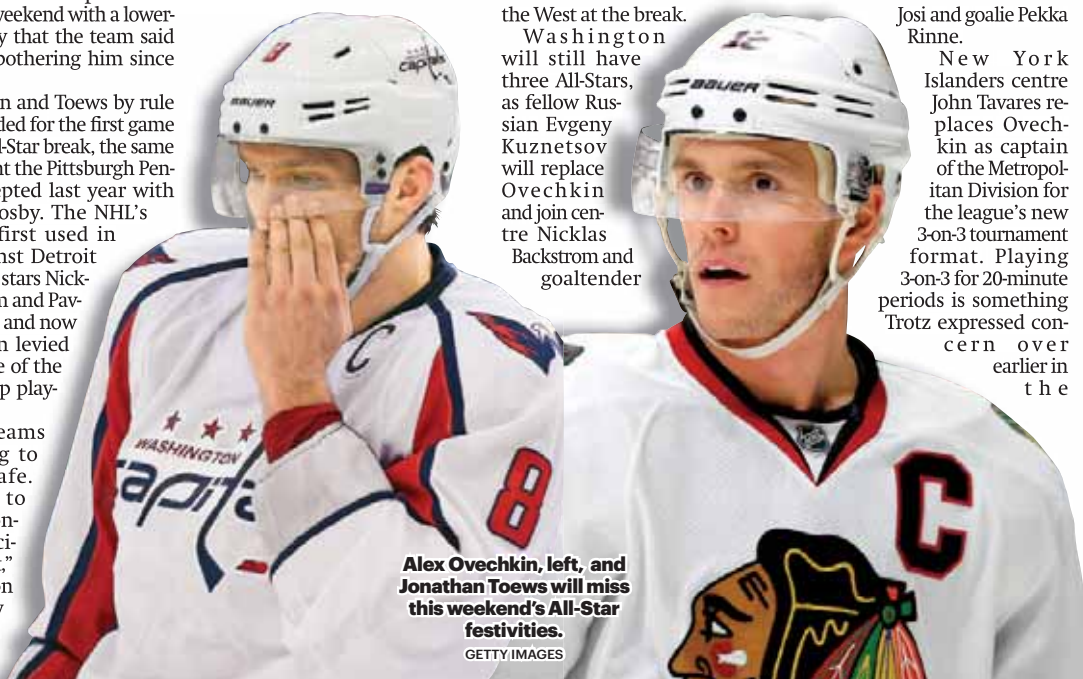
week. "I think for some players, if you have a lower-back (injury) or groin issues or things like that and you get caught out on some of those long shifts ... you can get caught out there for quite a while," Trotz said.

"There's some of those foot races — you take a shot, miss the net or you get a great offensive chance, now there's a race all the way back. When you're fatigued you can probably blow a groin or something. If you have any kind of low-back or groin issues, those are things that could lead to re-injury."

Ovechkin said he hasn't been healthy for a couple of months. As much as he enjoys All-Star weekend, he said he was OK with the organization's decision to hold him out.

"This was a hard decision, but we talk about it, coaching staff, trainers and we tried to battle through it, maybe it's getting better — but it's stayed the same," Ovechkin said. "I have to get ready for the rest of the year, get healthy and I think we have a good chance to have success and I want to be a part of it. I don't want to miss important things."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Alex Ovechkin, left, and Jonathan Toews will miss this weekend's All-Star festivities. GETTY IMAGES

TENNIS

Serena looking unstoppable

When Serena Williams plays as well as she did in the semifinals of the Australian Open, there's little an opponent can do to challenge her. Even one who's soon to be ranked No. 3 in the world, just two places behind her.

"I was just standing there kind of watching her play," the fourth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska said after her 6-0, 6-4 drubbing by Williams on Thursday. "There was just no mistake. Unbelievable serve. Everything, she was going for it. I couldn't do much. Not at all, actually."

It's been a familiar feeling among the players Williams has brushed aside on the way to the final, her seventh at Melbourne Park. She's been so dominant at the Australian Open this year, in fact, she's reached the final without losing a set — something she's never achieved in

15 previous appearances.

She has dropped just 26 games in six matches, a number she has bettered just four times at the Grand Slams in her career.

Williams seems as surprised as anyone by how well she's playing. She didn't expect to be so sharp after taking a four-month hiatus following last year's U.S. Open — a necessary break, she said, to recharge after coming just two matches shy of a calendar-year Grand Slam.

But as she's demonstrated many times in her career, putting the tennis rackets away for a while obviously agrees with her.



Serena Williams GETTY IMAGES

"I was extra busy on my new collection that I'm starting," said Williams, a sometimes fashion designer, who is wearing one of her own designs — a neon-yellow crop-top with pleated skirt — on the court in Melbourne. "But I needed it. I needed time off just to, like, take a minute and just chill and re-heel, get ready."

Williams certainly looks refreshed — both physically and mentally. She hurried through the first set against Radwanska in 20 minutes, winning all but seven points and allowing Radwanska just one winner while smacking 18 of her own.

Her performance was so complete, 18-time major winner Chris Evert asked her fellow TV commentators on ESPN, "How can you say she's not the greatest of all time when she plays like this?" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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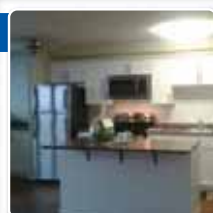
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- Few leaves of basil
- 2 eggs

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 450 F.

2. Place the pitas on a baking sheet. Pour tomato sauce on pitas and spread it around. Leave a little edge clear of sauce all the way around.

3. Sprinkle your cheese on each pita and push it slightly out the edges so you make a nest for your egg.

4. Sprinkle basil and the bacon all around the edge of your cheese nest. Gently crack an egg in the middle. Slide the cookie sheet carefully into the oven. Bake for about 15 to 20 minutes, depending on how done you like your eggs.

5. Use a spatula to move your egg pizza to a cutting board where you'll cut each pizza into four. Serve with slices of avocado, sour cream and a bit of salsa. Enjoy!

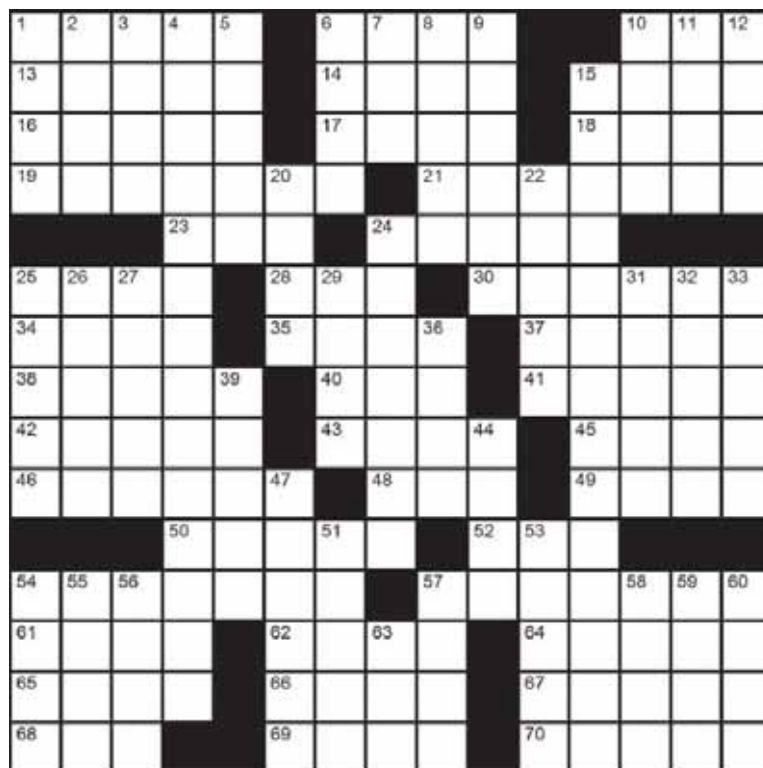
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28. ___ of corn
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38. This stuff
40. Three Dog Night hit
41. Gourmand
42. Electronics whiz [var. sp.]
43. Neutral tone
45. And others, briefly: 2 wds.
46. The Earth's largest desert
48. Female octopus
49. Singer/guitarist Mr. Feliciano
50. Sailor collar blouse



52. Freezer stuff
54. Artist's 'eggy' painting
57. Traveller's brief layover: 2 wds.
61. Spread-for-bread
62. ___ S. Rombauer (Joy of Cooking author)

64. Basketry fibre
65. Varied mixture
66. Achievement
67. Celebrated
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69. Forest's one-of-some
70. Skiers are happy

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DOWN

1. Switch
2. Sort of streambed
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4. Bit of "Beauty School Dropout" from Grease: "... missed your midterms and ___."
5. ___ personality
6. 2016, for one
7. Mozart opera, L'___ del Cairo

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10. Alone
11. Fail to mention
12. Route
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20. Peepers
22. Food's flavour
24. As per #4-Down and #15-Down, role in Grease
25. Golf taps
26. "Romeo and Juliet" (1968) actor Milo
27. Bloodsucker
29. Succulent plant
31. Friday game in Canada, ___ Max
32. Places for irises
33. Mr. Haggard of country tunes
36. Are, no more
39. Hawk's habitation, variably
44. Condo purchase
47. Undirected
51. "Hey! I bet you can't..." sayer
53. Hairdos
54. Removed
55. She, in Quebec City
56. Chow ___ (Take-out dish)
57. Satisfy
58. Sgt. Snorkel's dog
59. Went by plane
60. Gov. workers
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Taurus April 21 - May 21
Don't make a big deal out of a trivial issue. In the larger scheme of things it's not important. Life is a game and not to be taken too seriously.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You may be tempted to cut corners in order to get yourself an advantage. If you succeed you won't feel good about yourself. And if you don't your rivals will take delight in your embarrassment at being caught.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Do you feel lucky? The planets warn that your feelings may not be the best guide to reality, err on the side of caution today. To put it bluntly: if you gamble you will most likely lose.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Some people enjoy making a drama out of a crisis but you don't have to do likewise. No matter what happens, don't overreact. Stay calm and stay in control of your emotions. Someone needs to keep their head.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It is never easy for you to hold up your hand and admit that you made a mistake but you must do so today. No one expects you to be perfect, so why do you expect it of yourself?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone is giving you a hard time is because they are under the impression that you can be pushed around. No matter what created that impression you must uncreate it. Give them a taste of their own medicine.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You have a tendency to get emotional over little things and that tendency is now heightened. Try not to overreact — no more than usual anyway!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You get what you want more often than not but sometimes it pays to let others take the lead. There are a lot of pitfalls on the path you have chosen to take. Let others go first so it's not you who falls down them!

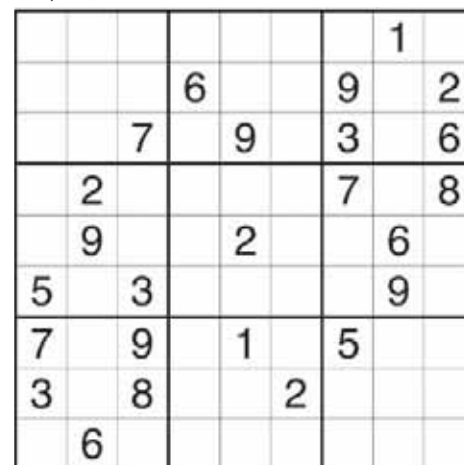
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Might never makes right and you will make it your business to see that the good guys come out on top. Be guided by your principles and never allow yourself to be bought or bullied.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If each step forward results in two steps back it might be wise to take the hint and stay put. You don't have to be on the go every hour of every day, so slow down and enjoy where you are.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You may be tempted to take a risk today but that could be dangerous. What you think is your subconscious mind guiding you is in fact nothing more than wishful thinking.

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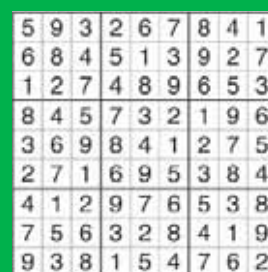
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